

# WORKSHOP 7

## 7. The Politics of Governance Architectures: Institutions, Power, and Public Policy in the EU Lisbon Strategy

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The Lisbon strategy for growth and jobs (launched by the Spring Council of March 2000) is the most important political initiative of the European Union (EU). Most of the scholarly work on the Lisbon strategy, however, is based on either the economic outcome of individual policies or on a specific mode of governance, that is, the Open Method of Coordination. Very little work has been done on explaining the emergence of the Lisbon strategy, the role of different EU institutions and Member States in the 'initial framing' and subsequent re-definition of its main aims through time, the interplay between different modes of governance in individual policies and across policies, the institutional-administrative effects brought about by Lisbon innovations, and the new forms of interaction between the EU and Member States. With this workshop, we turn to a governance perspective to analyze the politics of the Lisbon strategy. We will bring a wide range of theoretical approaches to bear on the analysis of the politics of the Lisbon strategy. The workshop will attract theoretical and empirical papers on the macro-politics of EU integration, comparative public policy and public administration, international relations, modes of governance, institutional analysis, the politics of problem definition and agenda setting, discourse analysis, the Europeanization of national policies, and, power and distributional politics in the EU context.